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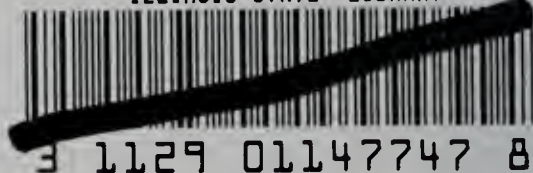
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IS THERE A METH LAB IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Many people may be unaware that they're living near a meth lab. Here are some things to look for:

- Unusual, strong odors (like cat urine, ether, ammonia, acetone or other chemicals).
- Residences with windows blacked out.
- Renters who pay their landlords in cash. (Most drug dealers trade exclusively in cash).
- Lots of traffic - people coming and going at unusual times. There may be little traffic during the day, but at night the activity increases dramatically.
- Excessive trash including large amounts of items such as: antifreeze containers, lantern fuel cans, red chemically stained coffee filters, drain cleaner and duct tape.
- Unusual amounts of clear glass containers being brought into the home.

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SHORT-TERM EFFECTS

- ☠ paranoia
- ☠ intense high
- ☠ hallucinations
- ☠ increased heart rate
- ☠ convulsions
- ☠ violent behavior
- ☠ insomnia
- ☠ impaired speech
- ☠ dry, itchy skin
- ☠ loss of appetite
- ☠ acne, sores

EFFECTS ON THE MIND

- ☠ disturbed sleep
- ☠ panic
- ☠ anxiousness
- ☠ nervousness
- ☠ moodiness and irritability
- ☠ false sense of confidence and power
- ☠ uninterested in friends, sex, or food
- ☠ severe depression

LONG-TERM EFFECTS

- ☠ fatal kidney and lung disorders
- ☠ brain damage
- ☠ hallucinations
- ☠ permanent psychological problems
- ☠ weight loss
- ☠ insomnia
- ☠ malnutrition
- ☠ poor coping abilities
- ☠ lowered resistance to illnesses
- ☠ liver damage
- ☠ stroke
- ☠ death

FAST FACTS

ABOUT METH

- Methamphetamine use among high school seniors more than doubled between 1990 and 1996.
- Women are more likely to use meth than cocaine.
- The average meth "cook" annually teaches ten others how to make meth.
- Every pound of meth produced leaves behind five to six pounds of toxic waste.
- Seizures of clandestine meth labs in the Midwest increased tenfold from 1995 to 1997.
- Methamphetamine accounts for up to 90 percent of all drug cases in many Midwest communities.
- Methamphetamine kills by causing heart failure, brain damage and stroke.
- Methamphetamine-induced paranoia has led to numerous murders and suicides.
- Methamphetamine produces hallucinations.
- Meth users are the hardest to treat of all drug users.
- Meth lab site cleanups can cost as much as \$150,000.
- Methamphetamine is highly addictive.
- Meth use increases risk of child abuse and neglect and domestic violence.

Information provided by the Midwest HIDTA

If you suspect a neighbor is using or
making methamphetamine:

Call your local law enforcement agency, or your
local Illinois State Police District Headquarters.

D1 - 815/632-4010

D2 - 847/931-2405

Dchgo - 847/294-4400

D5 - 815/726-9119

D6 - 815/844-1500

D7 - 309/752-4915

D8 - 309/676-2116

D9 - 217/786-7107

D10 - 217/265-0050

D11 - 618/346-3990

D12 - 217/347-2711

D13 - 618/542-8171

D14 - 309/833-4046

D15 - 630/241-6800

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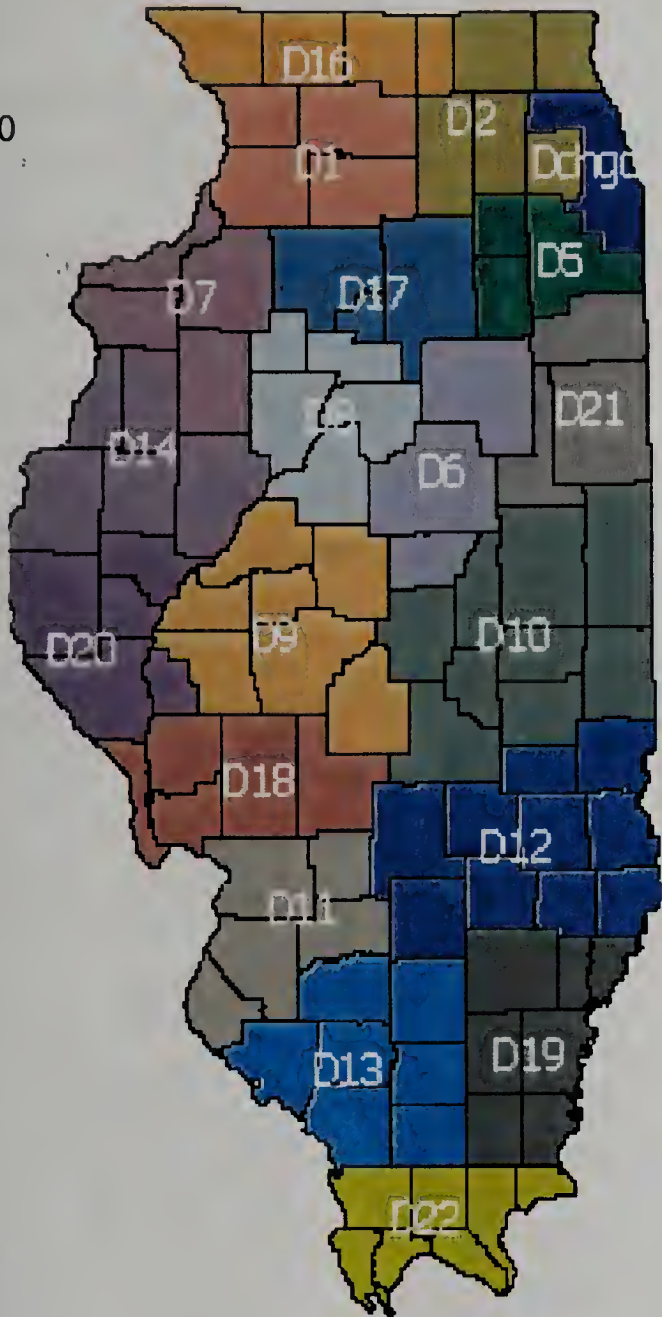
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D19 - 618/382-4606

D20 - 217/285-2034

D21 - 815/698-2395

D22 - 618/845-3740



METH EFFECTS EVERYONE

DEA agents walked into a house in Kearns, Utah, to bust a meth lab. In addition to toxic chemicals and a drug addicted meth “cook,” they found a baby in the basement covered in lice. “Meth addicts aren’t exactly the cleanest people in the world,” they said. “But what’s sad is that they’re so concerned about getting their next ‘tweak,’ they forget about their kids.” Ambulance workers called to the scene refused to treat the child until she was “decontaminated” — washed off to remove traces of the dangerous chemicals that float in meth labs. “I had to wash her off myself before they took her to the hospital,” an agent said. “The baby was so infested with lice that the hospital advised me and everybody else that had been near her to shave our heads.”



An Arizona man high on meth hacked off his son’s head along the side of a busy freeway and then threw it out the window of his van. He pulled over his van and stabbed his son in the neck and throat approximately 60 times. He then drove off and threw the head out the window about a mile down the highway. His youngest son, who was also in the van told authorities his father had been taking methamphetamine and became enraged when he ran out of the drug. He said his father believed the devil was in the van.



An explosion caused by the vapors from the production of methamphetamine’s main ingredient ignited in an apartment, blowing out the back wall and collapsing the roof. A mortally injured man staggered outside, his skin on fire. “It was horrible,” said the manager of the apartment court, “His head was burning, his skin was burning. My husband and another tenant tried to put him out by rolling him, but he kept relighting. The flames kept coming back, like one of those trick candles.”

